

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

May 2005 Newsletter

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Blossom-time Greetings!

What a beautiful time of year! Don't you wish the lavender, pink, plum, white, and yellows of the trees and bushes would last longer? Amazing! And you may well be amazed and certainly will enjoy our next meeting Monday, May 23rd, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library, when once again Christina DeBarry will demonstrate in pastel for us. Her luminous award-winning work enchants many. Do come see this well-known artist-teacher. Once again Program Chairperson Gay Billich is providing us with an excellent demonstrator and RVAA thanks Gay. Our hospitality provider for that evening is Sherry Engelberg and we thank Sherry.

On April 16th a bus load of RVAAers was fortunate enough to travel into New York City to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Salmagundi Club for the AWS Show, thanks to Debbie Hughes who again did the work of arranging and keeping track of us all; she even provided us with snacks on the way home. There was a particularly fascinating retrospective of Max Ernst's works at the Met and the AWS show was excellent. A special trip, we all had a fun and even inspirational time. Thanks, Debbie!

Lots of shows around, as you know. The NJWCS Full Members' show is at the Paper Mill Playhouse until May 23rd. And at the Bernardsville Public Library the NJWCS Associates' Show is presently up. Lamington is being hung as this is written; your editor hopes you'll drop her a note if you've won a prize! St. Mark's Church on Main Street (Rt. 24) in Mendham will hold their annual Art Show & Sale Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, the 5th (delivery is May 30 and 31). They have a juried/judged part and a small price sale. Media categories also include Photography for jurying/judging. The Garden State Watercolor Society's Full Member Show opens with a reception to which all are invited on May 17th at Capital Health, Mercer Campus, 446 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton. (Diana Patton's painting "Baha Ball" is on the postcard invitation). The juried "Works on Paper" is in the Somerset Cultural and Heritage Gallery in the County Administration building on Grove Street in Somerville. The NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit will hold its annual spring Outdoor Sale with judging on Saturday, May 22 (rain date is Sunday, May 23). You can call 908/273-9121 for further information. Looking ahead, Gallery 125 in Trenton has the following upcoming submission deadlines: August 2 deadline for Fall Open Exhibit and October 4 for a special "My America" Exhibit

(interpret the theme broadly by submitting work portraying what America means to you). Phone 609/989-9119 for details/prospectus. Slides for the 26th Annual Juried Mountain Art Show (and separate Small Price sale) are due by September 9th. For more info, go to www.mountainartshow@stjohnonthemountain.org, or fax 9008/766-7897.

Finally—**thank you to AUDREY WRESZIN for always copying and mailing your NEWSLETTER to you!**

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD and GAY BILLICH are in the NJWCS Associates' Show at the Bernardsville Library May 2—30th.

PAT BARNABEO had a monoprint/collage accepted into the juried Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission's Show "Works on Paper"; BARBARA FIORENTINO had collage work accepted into the show also. DIANA PATTON'S work "November Garden" won 2nd Place in the show. The show runs through June 3rd and all are invited to the reception Tuesday evening, May 17th, from 6:30—8:30 pm. (Gallery located in County Administration Building on Grove Street, Somerville).

MARY LOU GUIDADAS was awarded Honorable Mention in the Bridgewater Township Art Exhibition for her watercolor "Woodland Scene".

JOAN MCKINNEY was awarded Best in Show at the juried art show at the Bernardsville Library which ran the month of April.

ROSALIE STERN'S work "First Light" was accepted into the International Juried Exhibition at the Printmaker's Council (Station Road, North Branch) which runs from May 7th until July 23rd. The show will then go on the road, traveling around this country and others. Rosalie also has seven pieces in the Geneva Gallery in Morristown during May and June.

DEBBIE TINTLE was awarded Second Place in Watercolor at the 25th Annual Carving and Wildlife Art Show at the Educational Environmental Center April 30th /May 1st.

Our May 23rd demo is the last RVAA event until September and so this is the last Newsletter until then. But please do mail me your news, awards, etc. or email to diana@dianapatton.com (I lose phone calls). Until September, **ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL SPRING AND SUMMER!** Smell the roses, and paint them, too!

